



General Meeting

The December Meeting will be the Holiday Party

Friday Evening Dec 8
Melissa & Gary's
1807 Big Canyon Dr.

Upcoming Events

December 8	Holiday Party
January 1	New Year Flight
February 17	Safety Seminar

President's Letter

Mike Pryor

Dear CTBA Club Members,
Thank you for staying involved in Ballooning! As the year winds down, I look back over our events and am reminded why I am proud to be a member of this club. Your hard work produced a quality safety seminar, appreciated by pilots and crew across the state. Our pilots have participated and placed in various flying events around the state and across the nation as well as international events in Europe and Mexico. And we meet monthly to learn more about ballooning and share our love for the sport. I know that it's not always easy to squeeze club activities into our busy schedules, yet I am encouraged that we continue to come together because we care about this club.

My personal thanks to all officers, board members and club members who have made this a special year. Cynthia and I have a wonderful time being a part of this great group of people and look forward to more excitement in 2007.

Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for the New Year.

*Mike Pryor
2006 CTBA President*

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**Central Texas Ballooning Association
Club News**

CTBA Holiday Party

This year's party is again at Gary & Mellissa's. Friday December 8. Bring food, the club supplies meat.

Award Nominations

CTBA makes annual awards to the person best exhibiting the "Spirit of CTBA" and to the "Crew Member of the Year". Please contact Joe with nominations. Awards are given at the Holiday Party, which is Dec. 8th this year. Timely communication is important.

2007 Club Officials

- o President: Gary Sertich
 - o Vice-Pres: Mike Pryor
 - o Treasurer: Cynthia Pryor
 - o Secretary: Lisa Giguere
 - o Board: Joe Reynolds, Lloyd Cates, Phil MacNutt, Brett Miller
- Joe will continue as Newsletter Editor, Mike as Webmeister

New Year Flight

Joe is organizing a New Year Flight. Start 2007 as a balloonist! Brighten Austin skies!

Membership

Please renew your membership. Pay at the Party, but at least by the January meeting. The number of paid members attending the January meeting sets the voting quorum for the year.

Quotation

"You don't have to pick the first bad landing place you see"

*Dan Sherrill – FAA Designated Examiner
August 1989, Joe Reynolds' Check Ride*

Pilots, if you have crew who are not CTBA members, please encourage them to attend meetings and to join CTBA.

CTBA Electronic Newsletter and Web Site

If you would like to contribute to the newsletter or have information about a ballooning event, please contact the editor, Joe Reynolds. The deadline for the newsletter is the same as the Board Meeting date. Your contributions make this a much better newsletter and help keep everyone interested in this excellent sport. Please send us your suggestions and let us know about problems so we can improve our communications.

CTBA PHONE LINE

(512) 479-9421

CTBA WEB SITE

www.main.org/ctba

CTBA EMAIL

ctba@austin.usa.com

**CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL
BLOOD CENTER**

The CTBA has an account, Any CTBA member is guaranteed blood and will receive a discount on the cost of blood in the unfortunate event it is needed.

Please take time to donate.

Central Texas Regional Blood Center
4500 North Lamar Blvd.
206-1266



Minutes

CTBA November Club Meeting Tres Amigos, 11/13/06

Attendees 11/13:

Sam Edwards
Brett Miller
David Murphy
Mary Murphy
David Pinkney
Ronda Comer
Leah Linney
Lowell Linney

Dick Goss
Shari Pearson
Charlotte Thompson
Rusty Kaim
Lisa Giguere
Cynthia Pryor
Mike Pryor
[quorum=14]

Halloween Goblin Glow

Darcy dropped in to distribute pilot packs to those who participated in the Lakeway glow. This included a nice framed photo, DVD, photos, and media items from the event. Consensus appeared to support this as an annual club activity.

Holiday Charity – A World for Children (www.awfc.org)

- < Leah Linney is chairperson and provided information about the charity; she will collect contributions through 11/22; later contributions can be sent directly to AWFC
- < Board approved \$100 additional contribution

Holiday Party

- < Date: Friday, Dec 8
- < Venue: Gary's and Mel's Place (directions via email)
- < Food & Drink: Club will provide turkey/ham, champagne, some beer
 - o Members will bring a dish: Cynthia passed around sign-up list
- < Contests (Cynthia): White Elephant – bring a wrapped gift, others
- < Awards (Joe): Competition, Crew, Spirit

- o Send nominations to Joe

Email List

- < This is our primary communication method; we will confirm activity and discuss options in January; members should contact David or the board if they experience problems

Officers

- < Nominated and approved by quorum
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Next Year

- < CTBA Growth and flying opportunities; recruit new members and try to fly from old Mueller airport
- < LSHABA Safety Seminar will be in Houston on Feb 17, 2006; we will assist and possibly provide funding; more info and voting to follow
- < Purchase of a projector tabled until January meeting

Slide Show - including Lakeway Goblin Glow, Gordon Bennett, and Albuquerque Fiesta.

Deadline Reminder

All ads, articles, tidbits, photos, cartoons and classified ads are due **NO LATER** than end of the month prior.



December 2006

Reported by Lloyd
Cates

Festival Internacional del Globo

Leon Mexico

There were 80 balloons
in Leon, Mexico this
year. Huge crowds
watched the balloons
fly all four days.



David Smuck flying the
McDonald's balloon.





Our local crew with Kaye, Roland and Kathy.



We landed on a cattle ranch and translated to an old cowboy that we would like to deflate the envelope on the ground. Without being asked, he grabbed a fork and cleared us an area to lay down the balloon. That would never happen to me on a Texas ranch. I think we tipped him a month's salary.





December 2006

Festival Internacional del Globo Continued

The launch field is at Leon's city park.



Often we launch from the north shore, fly over the lake, climb up and box back to do it again.





Patches

CTBA Marketplace

Get Your CTBA Spirit

Display a **CTBA Decal** on your car, truck, trailer, bike, or cooler. Offer them to friends or passengers. Blue, yellow and white, 3 inch diameter with adhesive back. Only \$2.

T-Shirts - Royal Blue with the same logo as decals. Small emblem on the chest and large one on back - \$10

Patches - Embroidered cloth - \$2

All available at club meetings and club flights.



Shirts and Decals

CREW BOOKS and VIDEOS

The CTBA has copies of Gordon Schwontkowski's book on crewing balloons; "HotAir Balloon Crewing Essentials" Regular price is \$30 plus shipping.

"From the Ground Up" DVD for crew training. \$20 each phantom@austin.rr.com

Buy, Sell, Trade

Classified ads are FREE to members. Buy, sell, trade or swap balloon or non-balloon related items. Submit copy to the editor no later than the first of the month.

For Sale or Trade

2000 Lindstrand 105A with less than 20 hours. Over Cameron bottom. Double burners, Rotation Vents, 1/3 Hyperlast. Contact Nick Stanko at (512) 251-4024.

Pilot Seeking Envelope - Cameron or Lindstrand 90 with less than 200 hours (has Cameron bottom). Contact Dick Goss

Trade: anyone want to trade a 24" fan guard for my 30 inch? call phil. if your guard is all beat up, don't call.

DO IT YOURSELF Magnetic Sign Kit for Cars, Trucks or Vans. Kit comes complete with 2 12x18 White Magnetic Signs and 10 Full Sheets of: Red & Black Vinyl Letters, Numbers and Borders. Cuts with Scissors to make Custom Shapes. Regular Retail Price \$29.95. CTBA Member Special Price \$20.00. Contact Lowell 459-1339

BALLOONING STUFF!!!

Collectibles, Decos, Ornaments, Gifts, Puzzles, Toys, Books, Art, Tins, Stamps, Mugs, You-Name-It! Lifetime collection of balloon stuff!

Will sell entire collection to right offer or 1x1.

Jim Main Houston, TX

832-321-4683 or jballoon@houston.rr.com



FAA Web Site Home page (<http://www.faa.gov>) has a list of links for pilots that lead to **graphic TFRs** (<http://tfr.faa.gov/tfr/list.jsp>), **NOTAMs** (<https://pilotweb.nas.faa.gov/distribution/atcsc.html>), **Weather** (http://www.faa.gov/airports_airtraffic/weather/), and a downloadable pilot certificate application. We encourage all pilots to use these resources and promote and support the Federal Aviation Administration.

CTBA Library

We have volumes of interesting and educational balloon literature. If you would like to read the latest newsletters from Albuquerque or Colorado, learn about weather or flash back to last century's news, we probably have a document to suit you. Send the editor an email or ask us at the next meeting

ADVERTISING

All ads are due on or before the board meeting date.

<u>Size</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Image Area</u>	
Full Page	\$ 20.00	71 x 10	
2/3 Page	\$ 16.00	V 5 x 10	H 71 x 6H
Half Page	\$ 11.00	V 3H x 10	H 71 x 5
1/3 Page	\$ 8.00	V 2I x 10	H 71 x 31
1/4 Page	\$ 6.50	V 3H x 5	H 71 x 21
1/6 Page	\$ 5.00	V 2I x 5	H 3H x 31

Submit copy to: CTBA - Attn.: Editor
P O Box 2675
Austin, Texas 78767-2675

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Equipment For Sale

Contact Rusty

1. Delcom aircraft radio (needs new battery)
2. refueling adapter, for two tanks at one time
3. rope tie off with quick release

Memberships

The CTBA is non-profit corporation founded in 1984. We welcome new members. Dues are \$20 per year for an individual and \$30 for a family. To receive only the newsletter without voting rights is \$12 annually. Meetings are held on the second Monday of every month at Tres Amigos Restaurant, Hwys 290 & 183. Anyone interested in the sport of ballooning is invited to attend.



Calendar

11/26/06	11/27/06	11/28/06	11/29/06	11/30/06	12/1/06	12/2/06 Sun: 7:11am 5:30pm
12/3/06	12/4/06	12/5/06	12/6/06	12/7/06	12/8/06 Holiday Party	12/9/06 Sun: 7:16am 5:31pm
12/10/06	12/11/06	12/12/06	12/13/06	12/14/06	12/15/06	12/16/06 Sun: 7:21am 5:33pm
12/17/06	12/18/06	12/19/06	12/20/06	12/21/06	12/22/06	12/23/06 Sun: 7:24am 5:35pm
12/24/06 Joe Reynolds	12/25/06	12/26/06	12/27/06	12/28/06	12/29/06 Cheri White	12/30/06 Sun: 7:27am 5:40pm

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	Tim Baggett
	Gary Sertich

Librarian:	Jim Rice
Editor:	joe Reynolds

Committee Chairpersons

Safety Seminar	Joe Reynolds
Lake Flight:	vacant
Web Page:	Mike Pryor

The primary purposes of the **Central Texas Ballooning Association (CTBA)** are to promote, develop and aid the art and science and awareness of ballooning in Central Texas. CTBA provides its members friendship and camaraderie in group ballooning activities. Through this association, members who are student pilots are able to obtain instruction in preparing for the examinations for pilot licenses. Seminars are conducted for all members on ballooning regulations, safety, first aid and landowner relations. Facilities for training and broadening of skills concerning ballooning are provided for members.